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I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) which was established by the Security Council in resolution 1704 (2006). Following the usual consultations, it is my intention to appoint Ameerah Haq (Bangladesh) as my Special Representative for Timor-Leste and Head of UNMIT, as from 28 December 2009.

Ms. Haq, who has been serving as my Deputy Special Representative for the Sudan as well as the United Nations Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator in the Sudan since September 2007, will succeed Atul Khare (India), who will complete his assignment on 10 December 2009. I would like to express my appreciation for Mr. Khare's dedicated service and excellent leadership of UNMIT over the past three years, which was a period marking an important stage in Timor-Leste's recovery from the 2006 crisis and a return to normalcy following the deplorable events of 11 February 2008.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) **BAN** Ki-moon

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